(a) whether Government are considering to issue 'Multi-purpose National Identity Cards' for Indian Citizens and 'Resident Cards' for others;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the targeted date for completion of this exercise, with revenue implications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government propose to prepare a National Register of Indian Citizens and issue Multipurpose National Identity Cards to the citizens of the country. Keeping in view the complexities involved, a Pilot Project has been undertaken on an experimental basis in a few selected sub-districts of 12 States and one Union Territory. Since the issuance of Identity Cards to non-citizens has both administrative and legal implications, the Government is engaged in inter-Ministerial consultations regarding the desirability and feasibility of issuing such Cards to the non-citizens;

(c) The Pilot Project is expected to be completed by December, 2005 at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.00 crores.

National Police Commission Report, 1979

1022. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Police Commission Report, 1979 has been accepted *in toto* or in pieces; and

(b) what are the plans to change the mindset of the police and make them aware of human rights violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The National Police Commission submitted eight reports with a number of recommendations during the period February 1979 to May 1981. Police being a state subject, and since the recommendations mainly concern the States, the reports were sent to the States/UT administration for their consideration and implementation. The status of implementation of these recommendations varies from state to state.

(b) To sensitize the police personnel, human rights inputs have been introduced in all police training programmes both at induction level as well as during in-service training programmes besides holding of seminars, with active participation of the police officers. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has been entrusted with the responsibility of developing training material on human rights programmes for sensitizing police officers in order to bring improvement in their behaviour and attitude. Moreover, recommendations of the various other Committees on Police Reforms and the National Human Rights Commission have also been brought to the attention of the State Governments and the various police training institutions for bringing attitudinal changes among police personnel through proper training.

Dual citizenship

†1023. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to grant dual citizenship to all persons of Indian origin having foreign citizenship except Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a decision to grant life time multipurpose visa to Indians residing abroad has been taken so that they remain associated with their original country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Citizenship (Amendment) Ordinance, 2005 was promulgated on 28-06-2005 to extend the scope of Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) of all countries except Pakistan and Bangladesh as long as their countries allow dual citizenship in some form or the other under their local laws.

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